

disciples felt in his life. His friendship was unlike any friendship they had ever seen before or even dreamed of. It was this that drew them to him, and made them love him so deeply, so tenderly. Nothing but love will kindle love. Power will not do it. Holiness will not do it. Gifts will not do it—men will take your gifts and then repay you with hatred. But love begets love; heart responds to heart. Jesus loved.

A Good Reputation Helps Others

The Outlook.

Occasionally I hear some one say with a pious air, "It doesn't matter what people think of me, I know my heart is right." Ah, my friend, but it does matter.

Let me give you an illustration: In sight of my office window is a church tower, on each of the three sides there is a clock face. On one of these one of the hands has been broken, making the clock tell strange tales. Of course there are people who do not understand the circumstances, and are, therefore, misled by it. At heart the old clock is all right, but that doesn't alter the seriousness of the fact that people have been late in meeting their engagements and have missed their trains, because the face is not an index to that which it covers.

The Mission Field

Chicago Mission

An enquirer for truth, asks the following questions, which with the permission of our Editor I will answer thru the EVANGELIST. "Does early Church history show that the Christians kept the first day of the week, or Lord's day, as a Sabbath, or day on which to worship?" Answer, yes. Tertulian makes a long argument against the Jewish Sabbath in his "Answer to the Jews," Written about A. D. 215. He states that the Christians kept the first day of the week. Vol. 3, 70; 123 and 153. Ignatius, Disciple of St. John born A. D. 30, says, "And after the manner of observance of the Sabbath let every Christian keep the Lord's day as a festival of the Resurrection day, the queen and chief of all the days of the week." I might write pages of quotations, in support of the fact. "Did Constantine change the Sabbath?" No. The authors above quoted, lived before Constantine was born. The observance of the Lord's day was well established in the days of apostles, and universally kept by all Christians. Constantine was converted to Christianity about A. D. 325, and gave only his sanction as Emperor, when he made the Christian religion the religion of the Empire.

"Do you believe in Sanctification?" Yes assuredly. The Gospel teaches it explicitly. The words "hagiazō" and "hagiasmos," usually translated sanctify and holy, or sanctification and holiness, means literally, to "set apart," put on the Lord's side. Instance, Mathew 28:19. Baptising them "—into the name of the Holy Spirit," i. e. "hagian Pneuma;" literally the spirit

that sets apart, or that places us on the Lord's side.

"Do you believe in sinlessness i. e. Christian perfection?" Within the gospel sense, yes. Mathew 5:48. "Be ye perfect—*teleios*—" complete; ended. Refers to *motive*. A man can become completely devoted to Jesus Christ; reserving nothing for himself, doing all for Jesus; giving all his time, wealth and talent. Neither of the words cited above indicate anything about sin; i. e. errors, or mistakes, but refer to motive, purpose, aim of life. I know some men and women who I think are *sanctified*, completely set apart; given to the Lord's work; and yet, I have seen them do and say some things that were erroneous. Yet they did not sin; their purpose was right; their motive was pure, they quickly confessed, and ask forgiveness when made aware of their mistake. Another thing I notice in them; they never say they are sanctified, never boast of it; they just simply are wholly given to the Lord's work. "Be ye holy even as he is holy," i. e. perfectly dedicated to God, in motive, purpose; having his love for the good, the pure, the noble, and merciful. "Without holiness shall no man see God," i. e. God will have no rebels in heaven. Unless we are identified with him in purpose, and motive here on earth, we can not hope to have heaven as our home.

Do you think it is a sin for a Christian to use tobacco? Answer, if it may not be a sin, it is a very bad habit, unnatural, and not cleanly. I know some very good men who use it, and I would not call them sinners or purposely so, yet they would be as good in motive, and maybe better in actual grace if they would quit the use of it. The writer used to use it limitedly, but quit it. I must now tell you why, or rather what first made me think seriously about it. I was preaching at a place where a man, who was a member of the church, and somewhat of a troublesome one too, was a devotee of the noxious weed. He would sit in the service, and spit profusely on each side of him while the meetings were going on, and the janitor (himself a user of the weed) said to me one evening, "That fellow will make me quit using tobacco, I am ashamed." It certainly looks bad in time of services, and if bad there, it is also everywhere. Perhaps as strong an argument as can be made against the use of tobacco, may be observed here in this city, rather than heard, if we will try to realize the amazing sum of money spent for tobacco and cigars every day, amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars, and much of it by people who are very poor. And in the face of it all, the missions and church workers, can scarcely get enough money with which to keep their work going. This must indeed be a sad thing for our Savior to behold. A small percent of the money spent for tobacco in Chicago, would more than equal the entire amount spent for Christian and educational purposes all put together. It makes me sad to think of it. It is a habit

that is hard to break off from. So my dear young men, never begin it.

Our mission work is going nicely in every respect but finance. Attendance is good and the interest has never been better in spite of the political excitement now on. But I do not know what we will do for money with which to live and pay our rents.

A dear friend writes me asking if I have any one to take Sister Gibbons' place? No. We are running with only our local help of the members, which, praise the Lord, are growing more zealous every day and more helpful. I am now preacher, Sunday-school superintendent and junior instructor altogether and I enjoy it. Only I must stay very close to the work. Our Sunday school is increasing and requires all available talent as teachers, so can not spare one for superintendent as yet, but we are getting in some new material in attendance and by and by, if the Lord wills will have more helpers. Money is so scarce that we can not pay any help, and have not yet secured enough to enable us to help Sister Gibbons, who has been sick so long, as much as I would like to. There are some of our young people who would like to take up missionary work with us in the city, and help but at present we can not obligate ourselves for any expense, much as I would like to see them in the work and have their assistance here in the mission. There is much work and few reapers. O may the Lord send more. Pray for us brethren and send us some of the abundance with which the Lord has blessed you.

We were made glad this week by a visit, even if very brief, from Brother McCartney, wife and daughter, and Mr. Furgerson, all of Waterloo, Iowa, who are on their way to Johnstown, Pa., for a visit.

Brother Irving Ellis' family met with quite a sad loss caused by fire last Saturday. Their house was badly damaged and much of their household effects ruined, including clothing and bedding. They are poor and it was on this account very bad for them.

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From the National Capital

Getting a "move on." This expression is not the most elegant and yet it is not among the common slang phrases. At any rate it seems to suit our purpose at present. I am glad to say that the *move* is still *on* in our work in the Capital City, and not only *spiritually* but *matrimonially*. Another marriage this week—brother Mitchell E. Hunt and sister Fannie F. Bateman. They were married at the home of the parents of the bride on October 25, at 8 P. M. We extend to them our heartiest congratulations and very best wishes for the future. Brother and Sister Hunt are held in high esteem by all because of their consecration to the cause of Christ.

Immediately after the marriage we proceeded to the church where we administered baptism to a lady at the close of the prayer